Massive programme for Hepatitis 'B' injections

1264. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to embark upon a massive programme for giving Hepatitis 'B' injections;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating as to when the programme is to start, the duration thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the expenditure proposed to be incurred on the proposal during 2007-08, in case the programme would sart this year?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Hepatitis B vaccination programme is being expanded to 11 States during 2007-08. The remaining States of the country will be covered in a phased manner.

(b) and (c) Hepatitis B vaccination as part of Universal Immunization Programme has started in 33 districts and 15 cities from 2002 as Pilot Project. The programme is being expanded to 11 States (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal) during this year. Rest of the States will be covered in phased manner. For Hepatitis B vaccination, a budget provision of Rs, 40.00 crores has been made for this year 2007-08.

Improving of Mental Health Services

1265. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 5-6 million people who are chronically disabled due to acute mental illness and about one lakh people die every year of suicide;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving mental health services in the country?

THE MINISITER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Epidemiological studies have revealed that 1 to 2% of the population has major mental disorders and 5 to 10% suffer from minor mental disorders. As per the records of National Crime Records Bureau, the number of suicides reported in the country during the period 2004—2006 is as under:

Year	Total No. of suicides.
2004	1,13,697
2005	1,13,914
2006	1,18,112 (provisional)

(b) and (c) Under National Mental Health Programme, efforts are made to provide mental health services as part of general health system. In this regard, Central Government